

REMARKS

In view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks, consideration of the present application after final is respectfully requested. A final Office Action issued in this application on March 13, 2003. Applicants submit herewith a request for an additional two-month extension of time with a credit card charge authorization sheet for the applicable fee.

Applicants wish to thank the examiner for the courtesy extended to applicants' attorney in discussing the claims, including the previously withdrawn claims, during telephones conference on September 4 and September 9, 2003.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-3, 8-11 and 14-33 have been allowed.

Claim 34 stands rejected under 35 USC 102(b)

Claims 4-7, 12, 13, and 38-44 were previously withdrawn.

Advisory Action

In her Advisory Action mailed August 12, 2003, the Examiner indicates that claim 34 would be allowable if amended to include the language "and said brightness reduction cover element further being positioned so that said indirect lighting of said upright from the top surface of the light source is not affected by said brightness reduction cover element."

Applicants have amended claim 34 to include this suggested language substantially in its entirety. For clarity applicants have slightly modified the wording to read as follows: --and said brightness reduction cover element further being positioned so that indirect lighting produced by said upright from the top surface portion of the light source is not affected by said brightness reduction cover element.--

Further Amendments

In light of the telephone conferences between the examiner and applicant's attorney on September 4 and 9, 2003, applicants have made clarifying amendments to claims 4-7, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 25, 27, 29, 38 and 40-44, and amended claims 1 and 34 to provide generic claims for previously withdrawn claims 4-7, 12, 13 and 38-44. These amendments are not made for purposes of patentability.

Applicants respectfully request that the foregoing claim amendment be entered after final, and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this application in respect to pending claims 1-44, as amended, including the previously withdrawn claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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